

Export Policy on Iron Export

1110. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the existing policy on export of iron and other metal ores;

(b) the quantity and value of various ores exported during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to revise the existing export policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The Existing Policy on the ores, slag and Ash as formulated by Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Department of Commerce) is annexed as Statement. (See below)

(b) The quantity and value in respect of ores and minerals exported maintained as under various heads during the last three years are as follows:

(Quantity in Million Tonnes; Value in Rs. Crores)

| Minerals Exported | 1997-98 | | 1998-99 | | 1999-2000 (Prov.) | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | Qty. | Value | Qty. | Value | Qty. | Value |
| Iron Ore | 29 | 1770 | 22 | 1616 | 16 | 1151 |
| Mica | 0.05 | 40 | 0.50 | 43 | 0.02 | 41 |
| Coal | 0.54 | 88 | 1 | 141 | 1.11 | 111 |
| Processed Mineral | N.M. | 1251 | N.M. | 1065 | N.M. | 1004 |
| Other Ores & Minerals | N.M. | 793 | N.M. | 894 | N.M. | 1622 |

(N.M.: Not maintained. DGCI&S maintains only value-wise data)

(Source: DGCI&S)

(c) M/O Commerce and Industry has intimated that the annual review of the EXIM Policy is in progress. The final position will be known only at the time of notification of the revised annual EXIM Policy, which is likely to brought out by 31st March, 2001.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

| Details of policy on export of Ores, Slag and Ash | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2610 | (a) Chrome ore other than (i) beneficiated chrome ore fines concentrates (average feed grade to be less than 33% Cr 203) and (ii) those categories of Chrome ores mentioned in (b) and (c) below as canalized | Restricted | Exports permitted under licence |
| | (b) Chrome, ore lumps with Cr 203 not exceeding 40 per cent | Canalised | Export through MMTC Limited |
| | (c) Low Silica friable/fine ore with Cr 203 not exceeding 52 per cent and Silica exceeding 4 per cent | Canalised | Export through MMTC Limited |
| 2614 | Rare Earths (including Yttrium) ores, concentrates and compounds thereof | Canalised | Export through Indian Rare Earths Limited, Mumbai |
| 2617 | Other minerals containing the following substances as accessory ingredients including (a) Samershite (b) Uraniferous allanite Radium Ores and concentrates | Canalised | Export through Indian Rare Earths Limited, Mumbai and Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited, Kollam |
| 2618 | Granular sillimanite produced by Indian Rare Earths Limited, Mumbai | Canalised | Export through Indian Rare Earths Limited, and Kerala Minerals and Metals |
| | Mumbai and Kerala Minerals Limited, Kollam | | and Metals Limited, Kollam. |
| 2601 | Iron ore However, export of the following types of iron ore not canalized (a) Iron ore of Goa origin when exported to China, Europe, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, irrespective of the Fe content; | Canalized | Export through MMTC |
| | | Free | |

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| | (b) Iron ore of Redi origin to all markets, irrespective of the Fe content; | Free | |
| | (c) All iron ore of Fe content upto 64% | Free | |
| | (d) Iron Ore concentrate prepared by benefications and or concentration of low grade ore containing 40 percent or less of iron produced by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited | Canalised | Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, Bangalore |
| | (e) Iron ore pallets manufactured by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited out of concentrates produced by it | Canalized | Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, Bangalore |
| | (f) Rejects of iron ore chips and like generated from the manufacturing process after using imported raw material subject to the following conditions: | | |
| | i) The quantity of export of such rejects shall not be more than 10% of the imported raw materials i.e. pallets | | |
| | ii) The size of the rejected pallets chips (fines) shall be less than 6 mm. | | |
| 2606 | Deleted | | |
| 2602 | Manganese Ores excluding the following: Lumpy/blended Manganese ore with more than 46 percent Manganese | Canalised | Export through a) MMTC Limited b) Manganese Ore India Limited (MOIL) for manganese ore produced in MOIL mines |
| 2602 | Lumpy/blended manganese ore with more than 46% manganese | Restricted | Export permitted under licence |